

(b) Each report and communication sent to the Coast Guard and required by this part concerning inflatable personal flotation devices, must be submitted to Commandant (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

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## Subpart A—General

### § 181.1 Purpose and applicability.

This part prescribes requirements for the certification of boats and associated equipment and identification of boats to which 46 U.S.C. Chapter 43 applies.

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### § 181.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Associated equipment* means:

(1) Any system, part, or component of a boat as originally manufactured or any similar part or component manufactured or sold for replacement, repair, or improvement of such system, part, or component;

(2) Any accessory or equipment for, or appurtenance to, a boat; and

(3) Any marine safety article, accessory, or equipment intended for use by a person on board a boat; but

(4) Excluding radio equipment.

*Boat* means any vessel—

(1) Manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use;

(2) Leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter's noncommercial use; or

(3) Operated as an uninspected passenger vessel subject to the requirements of 46 CFR chapter I, subchapter C.

*Date of certification* means the date on which a boat or item of associated equipment is certified to comply with all applicable U.S. Coast Guard safety standards in effect on that date.

*Date of manufacture* means the month and year during which construction or assembly of a boat or item of associated equipment begins.

*Manufacturer* means any person engaged in:

(1) The manufacture, construction, or assembly of boats or associated equipment; or

(2) The importation into the United States for sale of boats, associated equipment, or components thereof.

*Model year* means the period beginning August 1 of any year and ending on July 31 of the following year. Each model year is designated by the year in which it ends.